

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A floor laying material laid on a floor panel provided within a cabin of a vehicle, comprising:

a carpet layer having a front-to-back flow resistance value adjusted between 100 Nsm⁻³ and 1000 Nsm⁻³;

a molding material made of a thermoplastic resin formed in a powder or a fiber state is dispersed within said carpet layer; and

a buffer material layer made of a material having an air wrapping property, layered on the back surface of said carpet layer, and having a front-to-back flow resistance value adjusted between 40 Nsm⁻³ and 800 Nsm⁻³.

Claim 2 (Original): The floor laying material according to claim 1, wherein said flow resistance value of said carpet layer is adjusted between 100 Nsm⁻³ and 500 Nsm⁻³.

Claim 3 (Original): The floor laying material according to claim 1 or 2, wherein joining strips made of a thermoplastic resin are discontinuously arranged on the back surface of said carpet layer, such that said carpet layer and said buffer material layer are layered through said joining strips.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The floor laying material according to claim 1, wherein said molding material is in a powder state.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The floor laying material according to claim 1, wherein said flow resistance value of said carpet layer of said floor laying material laid at a position substantially near a prime mover equipped in said vehicle is set to be lower than said flow resistance value of said carpet layer of said floor laying material laid at a position relatively away from said prime mover.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The floor laying material according to claim 1, wherein said buffer material layer is provided to have a thickness of 5 mm or more when laid on said floor panel.

Claim 7 (Original): The floor laying material according to claim 6, wherein said thickness of said buffer material layer is 20 mm or more.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An arranged structure of a floor laying material and a piece mat in which the piece mat is arranged on the floor laying material, wherein

said piece mat comprises a knitted pile layer having knitted pile yarn; a base cloth layer bearing said knitted pile layer; and a cushion material layer layered on the back surface of said base cloth layer through discontinuously arranged joining strips made of a thermoplastic resin, wherein a flow resistance value from the top surface of said knitted pile layer to the back surface of said cushion material layer is adjusted between 100 Nsm⁻³ and 1500 Nsm⁻³, and

said floor laying material comprises a floor laying material laid on a floor panel provided within a cabin of a vehicle, comprising (1) a carpet layer having a front-to-back flow resistance value adjusted between 100 Nsm^{-3} and 1000 Nsm^{-3} ; (2) a molding material made of a thermoplastic resin formed in a powder or a fiber state dispersed within said carpet layer; and (3) a buffer material layer made of a material having an air wrapping property, layered on the back surface of said carpet layer, and having a front-to-back flow resistance value adjusted between 40 Nsm^{-3} and 800 Nsm^{-3} .

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The arranged structure of a floor laying material and a piece mat according to claim 10, wherein a portion on the surface of said carpet layer of said floor laying material on which said piece mat is arranged is made lower than the remaining portion.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The arranged structure according to claim 10, wherein a portion comprised of said carpet layer of said floor laying material and said piece mat in a region in which said floor laying material overlaps with said piece mat is adjusted between 1500 g/m^2 and 4500 g/m^2 per unit area, and a flow resistance value from the top surface of said piece mat to the back surface of said carpet layer is adjusted between 150 Nsm^{-3} and 1800 Nsm^{-3} .

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The arranged structure according to claim 10, wherein at least one of said floor laying material and said piece mat comprises at least one of a water-repellent layer made of a water repellent material which rejects water, and a water absorbing layer made of a material which absorbs water.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The arranged structure according to claim 10, wherein said buffer material layer of said floor laying material and said cushion material layer of said piece mat are formed with a large number of pores which wrap air, at least in a portion thereof.

Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The floor laying material according to claim 1, wherein said molding material is in a fiber state.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The piece mat according to claim 10, wherein a flow resistance value from the top surface of said knitted pile layer to the back surface of said base cloth layer is adjusted between 80 Nsm⁻³ and 700 Nsm⁻³, and a front-to-back flow resistance value of said cushion material layer is adjusted between 40 Nsm⁻³ and 1000 Nsm⁻³.